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Education

Ph.D., Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Degree Received: February 1998

B.A., Government, Claremont McKenna College, *Summa Cum Laude*
Degree Received: May 1991

Related Employment

Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois
Professor of Political Science, July 2015– Present
Department Chair, July 2010 – June 2013
Associate Professor of Political Science, July 2004 – June 2015
Assistant Professor of Political Science, July 2001 – June 2004

Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Assistant Professor of Government, July 1997 – June 2001

Office of U.S. Representative Melissa A. Hart, (PA-06)
Legislative Fellow, January 2001 – August 2001
Political Consultant, Summer 2003

Courses Taught

American Politics and Government
Congress & the Policymaking Process
The American Presidency
Media and Public Opinion
Religion and Politics
Politics and Pop Culture
Political Research

Women and Politics
Senior Seminar: Christianity & Politics
Campaigns and Elections
The Iowa Caucus
Politics and Policy
Political Science Internship

Books and Monographs

Honoring God in Red or Blue: Approaching Politics with Humility, Grace, and Reason. Chicago: Moody, 2012, 208 pp.

Religion and Politics: Classic and Contemporary Perspectives, ed. with Douglas Koopman and Larycia Hawkins. New York: Pearson Longman, 2011, 448 pp.

Beyond Left and Right: Helping Christians Make Sense of American Politics. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2008, 254 pp.

From Inspiration to Legislation: How an Idea Becomes a Bill. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Prentice Hall, 2007, 147 pp.

Of Little Faith: The Politics of George W. Bush's Faith-Based Initiatives, with Douglas Koopman and David Ryden. Washington DC: Georgetown University Press, 2004, 356 pp.

For the Sake of the Children: Reconstructing American Divorce Policy. Crossroads Monograph Series in Faith and Public Policy, Vol. 1, No. 2. Wynnewood, PA: Evangelicals for Social Action, 1995, 44 pp.

Works in Progress

Five Views on the Church and Politics. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. Under contract for publication in November 2015.

Passionate Politics and Faith: A Civil Proposal. Manuscript in progress.

Book Chapters

“Evangelicals, Politics, and Public Policy: Lessons from the Past, Prospects for the Future.” In *The Future of American Evangelicalism*, Candy Gunther Brown and Mark Silk, eds, New York: Columbia University Press, in production process for 2015 release.

“Modeling A More Excellent Way: Thoughts on Respectful Dialogue,” In Harold Heie, ed., *Evangelicals on Public Policy Issues: Sustaining a Respectful Conversation*, Abilene, TX: Abilene Christian University Press, 2014, pp. 147-158.

“How to Discuss Politics as a Christian,” and “What to Look for in a President: Three More Views.” In Mark Galli, ed., *How to Pick a President: A Guide to the Deeper Issues.* Carol Stream, IL: Christianity Today Essentials, 2011.

“George W. Bush and Faith-Based Initiatives,” with Doug Koopman. In Mark J. Rozell and Gleaves Whitney, eds., *Religion and the Bush Presidency.* New York: Palgrave/Macmillan, 2007, pp. 155-175.

Scholarly Articles

“Opportunities and Obstacles: Congress and International Religious Freedom Policy,” *Review of Faith and International Affairs*, invited article for the 10th Anniversary issue, Vol. 11, Issue 1, Spring 2013, pp. 49-55.

“Response to Bader-Saye,” *Ex Auditū: An International Journal of the Theological Interpretation of Scripture*, Vol. 24, 2008, pp. 14-17.

“God is on Our Side: Religion in Campaign 2004,” *Citizens and Statesmen: An Annual Review of Political Theory and Public Life*, Vol. 2, 2006, pp. 61-72.

“African American and White Elites Confront Race,” *Society*, Vol. 39, No. 4, May/June 2002, pp. 39-45.

“Media and Business Elites: Still in Conflict?” with Stanley Rothman. *Public Interest*, Number 143, Spring 2001, pp. 72-86.

“Tracing the Legacy of Anita Hill: The Impact of the Thomas/Hill Hearings on Sexual Harassment Coverage,” with Franklin and Marshall student Jamie Allen. *Gender Issues*, Winter 2001, pp. 33-52.

"Elites Revisited: American Social and Political Leadership in the 1990s," with Stanley Rothman. *International Journal of Public Opinion*, Volume 11, Number 2, Summer 1999, pp.169-195.

"Who Rules Now? American Elites in the 1990s," with Stanley Rothman. *Society*, Volume 35, Number 6, September/October 1998, pp. 17-20.

"Shall We Kill all the Lawyers First? Insider and Outsider Views of the Legal Profession," with Stanley Rothman. *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*, Volume 21, Number 3, Summer 1998, pp.835-860.

"Have You Really Come a Long Way? Women's Access to Power in the United States," with Stanley Rothman. *Gender Issues*, Volume 16, Numbers 1/2, Winter 1998, pp. 107-133.

"Improving Organizational Productivity: Add Ethics," with Frances Burke. *Public Productivity and Management Review*, Winter 1990.

Articles in General or Special Interest Publications

“Open Question: Is the \$17 Trillion Federal Debt Immoral?,” *Christianity Today*, January/February 2014, p. 26-27.

“The Cure for Election Madness,” *Christianity Today*, January 2012, pp. 18-23, Cover Story.

“The Defining Issue of the 2012 Presidential Race? Wisdom,” *Christianity Today*, November 2011, p. 56.

“Crisis Opportunity,” *PRISM*, Volume 16, Number 3, May/June 2009, p. 32, with Wheaton College student Shannon Mickelson.

“The Church & Politics Quiz: Your Score, Our Findings,” *Leadership Journal*, Summer 2008, pp. 23-25.

“Breaking the Unwritten Rules,” *Wheaton*, Summer 2006, p. 60.

“September 11” entry in *Stones of Remembrance II: Wheaton’s Living Stones*, Wheaton College Alumni Association, 2006.

“Practical Politics 101: Lessons from the Hill,” *Wheaton*, Summer 2002, pp. 20-21.

Reference Entries

“Religious Right,” entry in *Encyclopedia of U.S. Political History, Volume 3, 1976-present*, edited by Richard Valelly. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2010.

“Faith-Based Initiatives,” “Standing Committee,” and “Select Committee,” entries in the *Encyclopedia of Political Science*, edited by George T. Kurian. Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2010.

Book Reviews

“Hillary Redux: The Frontrunner Assessed,” review of *HRC: State Secrets and the Rebirth of Hillary Clinton* by Jonathan Allen and Amie Parnes, *Books and Culture*, November/December 2014.

“Statesmanship or Gamesmanship?” review of *Act of Congress* by Robert Kaiser, *Books and Culture*, January/February 2014, p. 18.

Review of *Stumping God: Reagan, Carter, and the Invention of a Political Faith*, by Andrew Hogue, in *American Review of Politics*, Vol. 34, Fall 2013/Winter 2014.

“Fair and Unbalanced?” review of *The Parties Versus the People* by Mickey Edwards and *It’s Even Worse than it Looks* by Thomas Mann and Norman Ornstein, *Books and Culture Online*, 18 September 2012.

“Hard Truths,” review of *Half the Sky* by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn and *Half the Church* by Carolyn Custis James, in *Books and Culture*, (May/June 2012), pp. 17-18 .

“How our Political Institutions Work,” review of *Partisan Balance* by David Mayhew, in *Books and Culture Online*, 13 July 2011.

“Two Intertwined Political Lives,” review of *Decision Points* by George W. Bush and *A Journey: My Political Life* by Tony Blair, in *Books and Culture Online*, 7 December 2010.

“Taking the Measure of Barack Obama,” review of *The Bridge: The Life and Rise of Barack Obama* by David Remnick and *Not Even Past: Barack Obama and the Burden of Race* by Thomas J. Sugrue, in *Books and Culture Online*, 9 April 2010.

Review of *The Future of Faith in American Politics: The Public Witness of the Evangelical Center* by David Gushee, in *PRISM*, Volume 15, Number 5, September-October 2008.

“Faith in Politics: What Can We Learn from David Kuo's Memoir of a Christian in the Corridors of Power?,” review of *Tempting Faith*, by David Kuo, in *Books and Culture Online*, 30 October 2006.

“Moral Issues and Legislative Politics,” review of *Uncompromising Positions: God, Sex, and the U.S. House of Representatives*, by Elizabeth Oldmixon, in *Books and Culture*, (Nov/Dec 2006).

“The Politics of Religion and Human Rights,” review of *Freeing God's Children: The Unlikely Alliance for Global Human Rights*, by Allen Hertzke, in *The Review of Faith and International Affairs*, Volume 4, Number 1, Spring 2006.

Commentary

“A New Year for Congress,” (with student Kira Dittman), *Capital Commentary*, Center for Public Justice, 5 January 2015.

“Midterm Elections: Turning Battles into Opportunities,” *Capital Commentary*, Center for Public Justice, 18 August 2014.

“Moving Beyond the Blame Game,” *Capital Commentary*, Center for Public Justice, 9 June 2014.

Contributor to “American Evangelicalism: Present Conditions, Future Possibilities,” an online forum hosted by Harold Heie and Rob Barrett, www.respectfulconversation.net.

“Worthy Challenges, Exciting Opportunities,” 2 December, 2013.

“Will They Know Us by our Love? Evangelicals, Politics, and Christian Witness,” 2 September 2013.

“GOP isn't dying, but it will have to reach moderate voters to survive,” *Christian Science Monitor*, 19 August 2013.

“State of the Union: US Needs a Statesman, but Obama Played Politics as Usual,” *Christian Science Monitor*, 13 February 2013.

“Where Sheryl Sandberg Gets it Wrong,” *Christian Science Monitor*, 27 March 2013.

“Why Evangelicals are the New Partners for Immigration Reform,” *Christian Science Monitor*, 8 January 2013.

“Exit Polls Show President Obama Should Go on Listening Tour, Not Take Victory Lap,” *Christian Science Monitor*, 7 November 2012.

“Honoring God on Election Day and Beyond,” *Capital Commentary*, Center for Public Justice, 19 October 2012.

“R.I.P. Town-Hall Presidential Debates,” *Christian Science Monitor*, 18 October 2012.

“Discerning Obama’s America,” *Christianity Today Online*, 26 September 2012.

“After the Confetti, Obama faces a Reality Check,” *Christian Science Monitor*, 7 September 2012.

“Obama’s To-Do List at the Democratic Convention,” *Christian Science Monitor*, 4 September 2012.

“Navigating the Election Season with Humility, Grace, and Reason,” *Capital Commentary*, Center for Public Justice, 17 August 2012.

Regular Commentator (along with Paul Brink, David Gushee, Lisa Sharon Harper, Steven Monsma, and Eric Teetsel) for the Alternative Political Conversation, an election-year project hosted by Harold Heie, www.respectfulconversation.net.

“Honoring God on Election Day and Beyond,” 10 October 2012.

“Striking the Best Balance: The Strengths and Limits of Government,” 24 September 2012.

“Reclaiming and Restoring the Pro-Life Label,” 29 August 2012.

“The Road to Solutions: Standing in Unity against Gun Violence,” 10 August 2012.

“Education: Pathways to a More Promising Future,” 18 July 2012.

“Health Care: The Road to Real Reform,” 28 June 2012.

“Reflections on the Institution of Marriage,” 6 June 2012.

“Clear Mandate, Complex Solutions,” 17 May 2012.

“Some Complexities of Geopolitics,” 26 April 2012.

“Complex Problems without Simple Solutions,” 4 April 2012.

“Sixteen Highly-Contested Words in Theory and in Practice,” 14 March 2012.

“Principles and Practice: Loving our Immigrant Neighbors,” 22 February 2012.

“Reflections on the Institution of Marriage,” *Capital Commentary*, Center for Public Justice, 24 August 2012.

“Five Ways GOP can use the Republican National Convention to Excite Voters,” *Christian Science Monitor*, 1 August 2012.

“This 4th of July: The Dawn of a New 'Independents' Day,” *Christian Science Monitor*, 2 July 2012.

“A Recipe for Gridlock,” *Capital Commentary*, Center for Public Justice, 22 June 2012.

“Ann Romney Flap Highlights Two Clichés about Women,” *Christian Science Monitor*, 26 April 2012.

“How GOP Can Win More Women Voters,” *Christian Science Monitor*, 22 March 2012.

“Loving our Immigrant Neighbor,” *Capital Commentary*, Center for Public Justice, 23 March 2012.

“God Talk on the Campaign Trail: Evaluating Religious Appeals,” *Capital Commentary*, Center for Public Justice, 27 January 2012.

“A Super-Sized Wish List,” *Capital Commentary*, Center for Public Justice, 23 September 2011.

“Defining the Role of Government,” *Capital Commentary*, Center for Public Justice, 1 April 2011.

Invited Papers, Presentations, and Consultations

“Politics as Christian Witness,” University of Virginia Law Christian Fellowship, Charlottesville, VA, November 7, 2013.

“Trusting God in the Present,” Commencement address at Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids, MI, May 4, 2013.

“Honoring God in Red or Blue,” Honors Lecture, University of Mary Hardin Baylor, Belton, Texas, October 23, 2012.

“From Diatribe to Dialogue: Honoring God in Politics,” plenary speaker at Talking Points 2012: Christians and Public Engagement: Right, Responsibility, Opportunity, Grand Rapids Theological Seminary, October 15, 2012.

“Passion, Politics, and Faith: Christian Witness in Campaign 2012,” chapel address at Azusa Pacific University; Azusa, CA, September 24, 2012.

“Approaching Politics with Humility, Grace, and Reason.” Plenary address delivered at the Biannual Christians in Political Science Conference; Wenham, MA, May 31-June 2, 2012.

Co-Leader, Baylor University Institute for Faith and Learning Annual Faculty Retreat, “Vocation, Liberal Learning, and the Professions.” Kerrville, TX, May 17-21, 2010.

Participant, Colloquium on *God's Economy: Faith-Based Initiatives and the Caring State*, Catholics and Evangelicals for the Common Good; South Bend, IN, February 20, 2010.

"Evangelicals, Politics, and Public Policy: Lessons from the Past, Prospects for the Future," Hastert Center Social Science Research Hour; Wheaton, IL; November 11, 2009.

Chair, Government and Public Policy Track, InterVarsity Graduate and Faculty Ministry National Conference, Following Christ 2008; Chicago, IL, December 27-31, 2008.

“Politics that Matters: Beyond Left and Right,” University of Illinois Wednesday Forum, Urbana, IL, November 2008.

“The Idolatry of Security.” Paper Respondent at the North Park Theological Seminary Symposium on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture; Chicago, IL, September 25, 2008.

“The Needs and Opportunities - The Humanities and Social Sciences” and “Journey of Formation: How Christian Thought Leaders are Shaped.” Generating Capital for the Christian Mind; Woodinville, WA, August 11-14, 2008.

“Religion and Politics in Germany and the U.S.” Presentation with Bishop Wolfgang Huber, Goethe-Institut Chicago, September 24, 2007.

"Through a Glass Darkly: The Church and Popular Culture in the Media Age." Panelist at the University of Chicago Divinity School Third Annual Ministry Conference, Chicago, IL, May 2007.

“Confrontational Politics versus Finding Principled Common Ground.” Remarks prepared for the Christians Engaging Culture colloquium co-sponsored by the Paul B. Henry Institute and the Center for Christian Studies; Grand Rapids, MI, May 6, 2005.

“George W. Bush and Faith-Based Initiatives.” Paper presented with Doug Koopman at the Religion and the Presidency Conference, Grand Valley State University; Allendale, MI, November 18-19, 2004

“God is on Our Side: Religion in Election 2004.” Lecture presented at the “Elections in a Time of Crisis” colloquium, Civitas Forum on Principles and Policies for Public Life, Saint Vincent College; Latrobe, PA, October 2004

“From Consensus to Conflict: Election 2000 and the Faith-Based Initiative.” Lecture presented at the Paul B. Henry Institute, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, November 2001.

“Women and Campaign 2000.” Participant in televised roundtable sponsored by Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg; November 2000.

“Perspectives on the November Election.” Lecture presented for the Messiah College Honors Program; Grantham, PA, October 2000.

“Shall We Kill All the Lawyers First?” Paper presented with Stanley Rothman as part of the panel “Outsiders’ Views of the Legal Profession” at the Federalist Society National Lawyers Convention, Washington, D.C., October 1997.

Conference Papers and Presentations

“Finding and Maintaining Work-Family Balance.” Panel Participant at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 17, 2015.

“V & C in the Classroom,” Panel presenter at the American Enterprise Institute Values and Capitalism Faculty Retreat, Houston, TX, January 17-19, 2014.

“Engaging the Bible, Engaging Democracy: Interpreting Biblical Texts in the Public Square.” Panel presenter at American Bible Society’s The Bible and Democracy in America Conference, Wheaton, IL, October 25-26, 2013.

“Alternative Political Conversation.” Panel participant at the 2012 Christians in Political Science Conference, Wenham, MA, May 31-June 2, 2012.

“The Future of Evangelicals in American Politics: Lessons from the Past, Prospects for the Future.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 12-15, 2012.

“Religious Roots of Political Behavior.” Panel discussant at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 12-15, 2012.

“Politics and the Millenials.” Panelist at “Purpose & Prosperity: Exploring the Confluence of Faith, Economics, and Public Policy,” American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC, June 9-11, 2011.

“Evangelicals, Politics, and Public Policy: Lessons from the Past, Prospects for the Future.” Paper presented at the 2010 Christians in Political Science Conference; Memphis, TN, June 3-5, 2010.

“Evangelicalism in Comparative Perspective.” Panel discussant at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2-5, 2009.

“Authors Meet Critics: The Politics of Cultural Differences.” Panelist at the American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 2006.

“Religion and Electoral Politics.” Panel discussant at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2006.

“With God on Our Side: Religion in George W. Bush's Foreign Policy Speeches.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL., September 2004.

“Holy War Rhetoric? An Analysis of Religion in George W. Bush's Foreign Policy Speeches,” Paper co-presented with Wheaton College students Christopher Upham and Erin Hoekstra at the Symposium on Religion and Politics, Paul B. Henry Institute, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, May 2004.

“Of Little Faith: President Bush’s Faith-Based Initiative at the Close of His First Term.” Paper co-presented with David Ryden and Douglas Koopman at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2004.

“Christian Scholarship in Political Science: Past, Present, and Future,” Convened and participated in roundtable at the Christianity and the Soul of the University conference, Baylor University, Waco, TX, March 2004.

“The Political Work of Faith-Based Organizations: Current Questions.” Panel discussant at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 2003.

“Up Front and Center? The Politics of George W. Bush’s Faith-Based Proposals,” Paper presented at the Christians in Political Science Biennial National Conference, St. Paul, Minnesota, June 2003.

“From Consensus to Confrontation: Election 2000 and Faith-Based Proposals.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, August 2002.

“Rocky Roads: The Bush Administration and the Faith Based Initiative.” Paper presented at the Symposium on Religion and Politics; Paul B. Henry Institute, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, May 2002.

“Christians in Political Science: Past, Present and Future.” Panelist at the Christians in Political Science Annual Business Meeting, San Francisco, CA; September 2001.

“Framing Feminists: Women’s Organizations and Media Coverage of Sexual Harassment,” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., September 2000.

“Leadership in Black and White: African American and White Elites Views of American Society and Politics.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., September 2000.

“Tracing the Legacy of Anita Hill: The Impact of the Thomas/Hill Hearings on Sexual Harassment Coverage.” Paper co-authored and presented with Franklin and Marshall

student Jamie Allen at the Northeastern Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 1999.

“Christianity and the Idea of Natural Rights.” Chaired panel at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, September 3-6, 1999.

“Speaking Power to Truth: The Location of the Christian Political Scientist.” Participated in roundtable at the Christians in Political Science Biennial National Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan; June 1999.

"The Credibility Gap? Women's Organizations' Responses to Sexual Harassment Allegations." Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, October 1998.

"Leaders, Followers, and Party Identification: The Partisanship of Interest Group Leaders and Their Constituents." Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, September 1998.

"The View From the Top: Leaders Confront Issues of Race and Gender." Paper presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, October 1997.

“Providing Women a Voice: Patterns of Representation in Women’s Interest Groups.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., August 1997.

“Women and African-Americans in Positions of Power: Lessons from Survey Data.” Paper presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 1996.

“Gender and the 1996 Elections.” Convened and participated in roundtable at the Northeastern Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 1996.

“Beyond the Glass Ceiling? Women’s Access to Power in the United States.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 1996.

“Women Leaders and Women’s Interests: Consensus and Conflict among Women Elites.” Paper presented at the New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Springfield, MA, May 1996.

"Christians in Political Science: A Counter-Culture in the Discipline?" Participated in roundtable at the Christians in Political Science annual business meeting, Chicago, Illinois, September 1995.

“For the Sake of the Children: Reconstructing American Divorce Policy.” Project presented at the Crossroads Program Semi-Annual Meeting, Wynnewood, PA, 1995.

“And Justice for All? Implications of Divorce Reform.” Project presented at the Crossroads Program Semi-Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 1994.

"Improving Organizational Productivity: Add Ethics." Paper presented with Frances Burke at the American Society of Public Administration Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, April 1990.

Recent Media Appearances

National Radio and Television Appearances: To the Point with Warren Olney, Morning Edition, Building Relationships with Gary Chapman, Chris Fabry Live, Fairness Radio with Chuck and Patrick, Midday Connection, Inside Look with Greg Wheatley, 700 Club Interactive, The Harvest Show, Compassion Radio, The Centre for Public Christianity (Australia), Open House (Australia).

Local Radio Appearances: WMBI Chicago – Morning Ride with Mark Elfstrand and This is the Day with Nancy Turner, WDCZ Buffalo, WDLM Quad Cities, WCRF Cleveland, WORD Pittsburgh, WMFT Moody Radio South, WLQV Detroit, WGRC Lewisburg.

Print and Internet Interviews: The Washington Post, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Deseret News, Christian Science Monitor, Relevant Magazine, Leadership Journal, Christianity Today, The Christian Post, faithfulpolitics.org, davidkinnamon.com.

Podcasts: Books and Culture, The Phil Vischer Show.

Political Analyst, Moody Broadcasting Network, 2006-present.

Selected Community and Church Presentations

“Christians and Politics: Why Theology Matters,” Theology Study for Ministry pastoral training session, Christ Community Church, St. Charles, IL; November 4, 2014.

“Honoring God in Red or Blue: The Christian Faith and Politics,” Two week adult education class, Evangel Baptist Church, Wheaton, IL; September 15 & 22, 2013.

“Honoring God in Politics.” Adult Education, Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, Elmhurst, IL, October 28, 2012.

“Honoring God in Politics.” Adult Education, Grace Lutheran Church, River Forest, IL, September 30, 2012.

"From Diatribe to Dialogue: How to Disagree about Politics Peacefully." Windsor Park Manor, Carol Stream, IL, September 27, 2012.

“Honoring God in Politics.” Two week adult education class at First Presbyterian Church, Glen Ellyn, IL, September 9 & 16 2012.

“The Vision of a Christian Liberal Arts College.” Guest Facilitator, Faculty Faith and Learning Seminar, Wheaton College, April 25, 2012.

“Honoring God in Politics.” Seven week adult education class at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Warrenville, IL, February-March 2012.

“Honoring God in Red or Blue.” Adult Education, Hope Christian Reformed Church, Oak Forest, IL, November 13, 2011.

“Trusting God in the Present Tense.” Women’s Connection Brunch, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Warrenville, IL, April 2011.

"Beyond Left and Right: How Faith Can Inform Our Politics." Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Warrenville, IL, October 24, 2010.

“The Case for Civility,” Centennial Class Symposium, Wheaton College Class of 1960 Reunion, Wheaton, IL, May 6, 2010.

"Politics as Vocation: Lessons from Wilberforce." Co-presented with Larycia Hawkins, Missions in Focus Conference, Wheaton College, February 8, 2010.

“Beyond Left and Right: The Christian Faith and Politics.” Wheaton College Retirees Luncheon, Wheaton, IL, November 2, 2009.

“The Dangerous Act of Worship.” Coordinator and teacher of seven week adult education class, First Presbyterian Church, Glen Ellyn, IL, April-May 2009.

“The Christian Faith and Politics.” Talk for the Wheaton Club of Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, MI, April 25, 2009.

“Beyond Left and Right: Christians in Politics.” Wheaton College Alumni Office Spring Loop Breakfast, Chicago, IL, March 26, 2009.

“Making Sense of American Politics.” Adult Forum, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Wheaton, IL, November 2008.

“Christians and the Ballot Box: Beyond Left and Right.” Two week adult education course at Church of the Resurrection, Glen Ellyn, IL, October 2008.

“Behind the Curtain at the Voting Booth: Christians and Politics.” Windsor Park Manor, Carol Stream, IL, October 2008.

Pause and Enrich Book Discussion, First Presbyterian Church, Aurora, IL, July 2008.

“Christianity and Politics.” Adult education class at River Glen Presbyterian Church, Naperville, IL, May 2008.

“Christianity and Politics Beyond Left and Right.” Adult education class at Faith Evangelical Covenant Church, Wheaton, IL, January 2008.

“Beyond Left and Right: Christians and Politics.” Five week adult education course at First Presbyterian Church, Glen Ellyn, IL, December 2007.

“Preparing for the Election: Christians and Voting.” Adult education class at College Church, Wheaton, IL; October 2006.

“Applying Our Faith in Politics.” Talk prepared for the Wheaton Women’s Club, Listening at Lunch Series, September 2006.

“Black, White, and Shades of Gray: Moral Issues and Legislative Politics.” Wheaton College Student Government Forum, April 2006.

“Trusting God in the Present Tense.” Talk prepared for Sophomore Class Chapel, Wheaton College, March 2006.

“Christianity and Politics: Beyond Left and Right.” Seven week adult education course at First Presbyterian Church, Glen Ellyn, IL, September – October 2004.

“Integration of My Faith and Politics.” Talk for the Wheaton Club of Houston, April 2004.

“Integration of My Faith and Politics.” Talk for the Wheaton Club of Bryan/College Station, TX, April 2004.

“Faith and Politics: Lessons I am Learning.” Talk for the Wheaton Club of Phoenix, March 2004.

“Faith and Politics: Lessons I am Learning.” Talk for the Wheaton Club of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, March 2004.

“The Community Covenant and its Pro-Life Message.” Talk prepared for Junior Class Chapel, Wheaton College, October 2003.

“Political Science and 9/11.” Talk prepared for Wheaton College Chapel, September 2003.

“Reflections on Wheaton Today.” Talk for the Wheaton Club of Southeast Michigan; Grand Rapids, MI, August 2003.

College Service

Financial Affairs Committee, 2014-present.

Urban Studies Advisory Council, 2013-present.

Scholastic Honors Committee, 2014-present.

General Education Core Competencies Task Force, Spring 2015.

Chair, Department of Politics and International Relations, 2010-2013

First-Year Course Subcommittee, General Education Review Committee, 2013

Member, Hastert Intern and Fellow selection committee, 2010-2013

Member, ISI selection committee, 2010-2013

Judge, J. Dennis Hastert Center Prize in Undergraduate Writing, 2011-2013
Pre-Law Advisory Committee, 2009-2012
Social Science General Education Assessment Committee, 2008-2010
Pfund Lecture Committee, 2008-present
Sabbatical Committee, 2008
Faculty Nominating Committee, 2005-2007
Faculty Mentoring Initiative Task Force, 2005-2006
Women's Issues Advisory Council, 2004-2005
Technology and Institutional Research Committee, 2002-2004
shared chairperson's duties, 2004
Hearing Panel on Student Conduct, 2002-2004; Chair, 2003-2004
Environmental Studies Task Force, 2001-2002
Faculty Adviser, Pi Sigma Alpha national honor society, 2001-present
Faculty Adviser, College Republicans, 2001-present

Professional Service and Affiliations

American Political Science Association
Chair, Distinguished Teaching Award Committee, 2014-2015.
Member, 1995-present
Member, Women and Politics Section, 2006-present
Member, Religion and Politics Section, 2004-present
Member, Best Paper Award Committee, 2004

Christians in Political Science
Advisory Board, 2010-present
President, 2006-2008
Conference Chair, 2007 Biennial National Conference
Vice President, 2004-2006
Program Chair, 2003 Biennial National Conference
Secretary, 1998-2002
Member, 1996-present

Council of Christian Colleges and Universities
Initiative Grants, Advisory and Selection Committee, 2014-present.

American Enterprise Institute, Values and Capitalism Program
Advisory Board, 2012-present

Council of Christian Scholarly Societies
Chair, Executive Committee, 2004-2008
Member, Executive Committee, 2000-2004

American Political Science Association Congressional Fellowship Program
Fellowship Recipient, 2000-2001
Member, Selection Committee, 2007

Accreditation and Evaluation

Peer Review Panelist, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipends Program
Chair, 10-Year Review Team, Hope College
Chair, 10-Year Review Team, Gordon College

Editorial Review Boards

Religion and Politics Series, Georgetown University Press.
Dilemmas in American Politics Series, Westview Press.

Article Referee

American Politics Research
American Politics Quarterly
Christian Scholar's Review
Congress and the Presidency
Ethnopolitics
Journal of Church and State
P.S.: Political Science and Politics
Political Behavior
Political Research Quarterly
Politics and Gender
Social Forces
Social Science Quarterly
Sociological Quarterly

Manuscript Reviewer

Baylor University Press
University of Michigan Press
Addison Wesley Longman
Wadsworth
Pearson Longman
Pearson Prentice Hall
Congressional Quarterly Press
InterVarsity Press
Brazos Press
Routledge
Soomo Publishing

Tenure and Promotion Referee

Calvin College
Gustavus Adolphus College
Hope College
Saint Lawrence University
Sewanee: University of the South

Selected Honors and Awards

G. W. Aldeen Fund Grant to support research, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2011, 2012, 2014.

Wheaton College Faculty Development Grants, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007,
2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013.

Wheaton College Alumni Grant, 2002, 2007, 2013.

Full-year sabbatical, 2006-2007.

American Political Science Association Congressional Fellow, 2000-2001.

Crossroads Doctoral Scholar, Evangelicals for Social Action, 1993 -1995.

Rhodes Scholarship, State Finalist, 1990.

Phi Beta Kappa.